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1. CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER ROLANDIS TOLD GENSCHER DURING THEIR JULY 23 MEETING THAT THE GOC HAD MADE NO CHARGES OF INVOLVEMENT BY THE FRG EMBASSY OR GERMAN POLITICAL FIGURES (READ FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS) IN THE CYPRUS CONSPIRACY. THE FRG ACCEPTS THE GOC POSITION, WHICH WAS CARRIED IN A FOREIGN OFFICE PRESS RELEASE, AND IS SATISFIED THAT THE MATTER IS NOW CLOSED.

2. ROLANDIS, HOWEVER, WAS MORE CIRCUMSPECT REGARDING  
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FORMER GERMAN DIPLOMAT PAUL KURBJUHN. ROLANDIS REPORTEDLY SAID THAT, WHILE KURBJUHN DID NOT VIOLATE CYPRIOT LAW, HE WAS AN UNDESIRABLE ALIEN BECAUSE OF HIS ACTIVITIES SINCE RETIREMENT FROM THE GERMAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. THE FOREIGN OFFICE, WHICH HAS ITS OWN DOUBTS ABOUT KURBJUHN (SEPTTEL) HAS ACCEPTED ROLANDIS' EXPLANATION FOR EXPULSION.

3. ACCORDING TO A FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE, ROLANDIS IMPLIED TO GENSCHER THAT THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST STRAUSS HAD STEMMED FROM A CHARGED SITUATION IN WHICH MATTERS HAD REGRETTABLY GOTTEN OUT OF HAND. WITHOUT EXPLICITLY SAYING SO, ROLANDIS REPORTEDLY MADE CLEAR THAT HE HAD NOT APPROVED OF PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S HANDLING OF THE MATTER. THE FOREIGN MINISTER APPARENTLY WENT TO SOME LENGTHS TO DEPICT HIMSELF AS A MODERATE FORCE IN A TENSE POLITICAL SITUATION.

4. THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S ANALYSIS OF THE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF REFTEL B. OUR SOURCE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TACTICS EMPLOYED BY KYPRIANOU BORE THE IMPRINT OF LYSSARIDES AND THERE IS SOME CONCERN HERE REGARDING THE EXTENT TO WHICH HE MAY BE INFLUENCING THE CYPRIOT PRESIDENT.

5. OUR CONTACTS CONFIRM IT IS UNLIKELY THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WILL BE ABLE TO SEE KYPRIANOU SOON BECAUSE OF HIS HEAVY APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE. ROLANDIS HAS, HOWEVER, RECEIVED (AT HIS REQUEST) AN INVITATION TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE FRG. THE VISIT, FOR WHICH NO DATE HAS BEEN SET, IS AN INDICATION OF THE EFFORTS BOTH SIDES ARE MAKING TO KEEP RELATIONS ON AN EVEN KEEL.  
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